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A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The 2018 meeting of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up was held at Headquarters from 23 to 26 April 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 130 to 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

2. At the 1st meeting, held on 23 April 2018, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), opened the forum and made a statement.

3. At the same meeting, the President of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, Miroslav Lajčák (Slovakia), addressed the forum.

4. Also at the same meeting, the forum viewed a video message by the Secretary-General.

5. Also at the 1st meeting, the Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

6. Also at the 1st meeting, the forum heard a keynote address by the High Representative for the Peace Fund of the African Union, Donald Kaberuka.

7. At the same meeting, the forum heard a special address by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Sultan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi, on the Doha messages of the High-level Conference on Financing for Development and the Means of Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

8. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the main findings of the 2018 report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development as contained in the note by the Secretary-General on financing for development: progress and prospects (E/FFDF/2018/2).

9. Also at the 1st meeting, the forum heard presentations on global trends and prospects for financing sustainable development by the following: Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Roberto Azevêdo (video message); Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Achim Steiner; Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mukhisa Kituyi; Deputy

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Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Tao Zhang; Senior Vice-President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships of the World Bank Group, Mahmoud Mohieldin; and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Shamshad Akhtar (on behalf of the regional commissions of the United Nations).

[*To be completed*]

B. Agenda

10. At the 1st meeting, the forum adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/FFDF/2018/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
   (a) Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
   (b) General debate;
   (c) Ministerial round tables;
   (d) Thematic round tables, expert discussions and interactive dialogues.
3. Adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.
4. Adoption of the report.

C. Attendance

11. The forum was attended by the representatives of ___ States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies and the European Union. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities, and representatives of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of civil society organizations and business sector entities, also attended. The list of participants will be issued as document E/FFDF/2018/INF/2.

D. Documentation

12. The list of documents before the forum is contained in the annex to the present report.

Annex

List of documents

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
E/FFDF/2018/1	1	Provisional agenda and annotations
E/FFDF/2018/2	2	Note by the Secretary-General on financing for development: progress and prospects
E/FFDF/2018/L.2	2	Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
E/FFDF/2018/INF/1		Information note prepared by the President of the Economic and Social Council on arrangements for the 2018 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up
E/FFDF/2018/INF/2		List of participants